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**Division of Medicaid and State Operations / Region I**

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Jane A. Hayward, Director  
Department of Human Services  
600 New London Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Hayward:

On January 22, 2002, Rhode Island submitted a request to renew its home and community-based waiver for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The State requested the ability to group all services but case management into two bundles. After informal discussions between CMS regional and central office staff and Rhode Island waiver staff regarding concerns that the renewal application did not meet all Federal requirements, the State twice submitted additional information, most recently on April 11, 2002.

We have reviewed all materials submitted by Rhode Island to date, and have concluded that they do not yet conform fully to Federal statutory and regulatory requirements. The State continues to refine the service definitions to differentiate between skilled and unskilled services, to carve out one-time or intermittent services, and to develop all attachment sections of the renewal document required pursuant to the State's addition of services to the waiver package. Accordingly, we are sending this request for additional information to allow the State time to complete a revised renewal request.

Under section 1915(f)(2) of the Social Security Act, a waiver renewal must be approved, denied, or additional information requested within 90 days of receipt or else the request is deemed granted. This letter requests additional information, as required by Section 1915(f)(2), for 1915(c) waiver renewal #0162.90.R2. Upon receipt of all information requested, we will re-start the 90-day clock.

We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by you and your staff. Any questions concerning this letter should be addressed to Nancy Grano at (617) 565-1695.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Preston  
Associate Regional Administrator

cc:  
John Young, DHS, Rhode Island  
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